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Prior to calculating the filing fee and examination,
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line 1, delete in its entirety, and insert at the left

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line 8, change "WO-A-99/45705." to --WO-A-99/45705,

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